

Probability and Statistics Practice Quiz

1. How many different ~~four-letter~~ permutations are there for the letters in the word "divide"?

$$\frac{6!}{2!2!} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \cancel{60} \cdot 180$$

2. A drawer contains 3 red socks, 5 white socks, and 8 blue socks. Without looking, you draw out a sock and then draw out a second sock without returning the first sock. What is the probability that the first sock and the second sock are both blue?

a. $\frac{1}{12}$

c. $\frac{1}{4}$

$$\frac{1^{st}}{8} \quad \frac{2^{nd}}{7}$$

$$\frac{8}{16} \quad \frac{7}{15}$$

b. $\frac{7}{30}$

d. $\frac{25}{256}$

$$\frac{8}{16} \cdot \frac{7}{15} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{15} = \frac{7}{30}$$

Evaluate the factorial expression.

3. $\frac{10!}{4! \cdot 5!} = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot \cancel{5!}}{4! \cdot \cancel{5!}} = \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 = 1260$

a. 0

b. 1260

c. 2880

d. 3,628,800

4. $\frac{9!}{4!} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4!}{4!} = 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = 15,120$

a. 24

b. 0

c. 362,880

d. 15,120

5. A six-sided die is rolled 90 times. Two comes up 17 times.

a. What is the theoretical probability of rolling a two? $\frac{1}{6}$

b. What is the experimental probability of rolling a two? $\frac{17}{90}$

6. Write the expression represented by ${}_6C_2$

$$\frac{6!}{(6-2)! \cdot 2!}$$

7. A survey found that 45% of teenagers have a younger sibling. You randomly survey 4 teenagers. Calculate the probability of selecting "k" teenagers who have a younger sibling.

Use the formula: $P(k \text{ successes}) = {}_n C_k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$

where $n = \#$ independent trials, $p =$ probability of success, and $k = \#$ successes.

$$P(k=0) = \frac{{}_4 C_0 (0.45)^0 (0.55)^4}{\approx 0.0915} \quad {}_4 C_0 = 1$$

$$P(k=1) = \frac{{}_4 C_1 (0.45)^1 (0.55)^3}{\approx 0.299} \quad {}_4 C_1 = 4$$

$$P(k=2) = \frac{{}_4 C_2 (0.45)^2 (0.55)^2}{\approx 0.368} \quad {}_4 C_2 = 6$$

$$P(k=3) = \frac{{}_4 C_3 (0.45)^3 (0.55)^1}{\approx 0.200} \quad {}_4 C_3 = 4$$

$$P(k=4) = \frac{{}_4 C_4 (0.45)^4 (0.55)^0}{\approx 0.041} \quad {}_4 C_4 = 1$$

8. Eight balls numbered from 1 to 8 are placed in an urn. If one ball is selected at random, find the probability that it is not number 4.

a. $\frac{1}{2}$

b. $\frac{1}{8}$

c. $\frac{3}{4}$

d. $\frac{7}{8}$

You spin a spinner divided into nine equal parts numbered 1 through 9. Tell whether the events are *disjoint* or *overlapping*. Then find $P(A \text{ or } B)$.

9. Event A: Spinner stops on an even number.
Event B: Spinner stops on a multiple of 3.

overlapping

$$A = 2, 4, 6, 8$$

$$B = 3, 6, 9$$

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B) = \frac{4}{9} + \frac{3}{9} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

10. How many different ways can you arrange five people shoulder-to-shoulder in a line?

$$5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120 \text{ ways}$$

11. A lunch menu consists of 5 different kinds of sandwiches, 3 different kinds of soup, and 5 different drinks. How many choices are there for ordering a sandwich, a bowl of soup, and a drink?

a. 3

b. 75

c. 13

d. 86,400

$$5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 75$$

Find the number of combinations.

12. ${}^4C_3 = \frac{4!}{(4-3)!3!} = \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 4$

13. Find the probability $P(3 \text{ or } 4)$ when a fair die is rolled.

$$\frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

14. Here are the points scored by the Culver Eagles in their basketball games this year.

Home: 86, 81, 78, 94, 80, 69, 82, 49, 93, 87, 90 min = 49 max = 94

Away: 71, 65, 57, 84, 69, 67, 59, 72, 58, 64, 68 min = 57 max = 84

a. Find the mean, median, range, and standard deviation for the points scored during the Eagles' home games this year. mean = 80.8 med = 82 range = 45 $\sigma = 12.2$

b. Find the mean, median, range, and standard deviation for the points scored during the Eagles' away games this year. mean = 66.7 med = 67 range = 27 $\sigma = 7.34$

c. Compare the statistics for home and away games. What can you conclude?

They scored, in general, more points at home than away; mean & median both higher. They were more consistent AWAY; range and standard deviation are smaller.

15. The mean age of the employees at a company is 40. The standard deviation of the ages is 3. Suppose the same people were working for the company 5 years ago. What were the mean and the standard deviation of their ages then?

$$\text{mean} = 40 - 5 = 35$$

$$\text{st. dev} = 3$$

16. The table below shows the price of an individual pizza at five different airports.

Chicago (O'Hare)	\$4.02
San Francisco	\$4.96
New York (JFK)	\$6.30
Los Angeles	\$5.82
Denver	\$4.67

a. Find the mean and median of the pizza prices.

mean = 5.15 med = 4.96

b. Find the range and standard deviation of the pizza prices.

range = 2.28 $\sigma = 0.814$

c. 10% sales tax is added to the price of each pizza. Use what you know about multiplying each value in a data set by a constant to find the mean, median, range, and standard deviation of the total costs of the pizzas.

mean = (1.1)(5.15) = 5.67

med = (1.1)(4.96) = 5.46

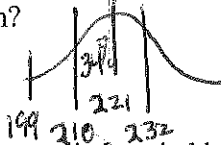
range = (1.1)(2.28) = 2.51

~~0.814~~

$\sigma = (1.1)(0.814) = 0.8954$

17. Last year, the personal best high jumps of track athletes in a nearby state were normally distributed with a mean of 221 cm and a standard deviation of 11 cm. What is the probability that a randomly selected high jumper has a personal best between 199 and 210 cm?

13.5%



18. The duration of routine operations in a certain hospital has approximately a normal distribution with an average of 125 minutes and a standard deviation of 15 minutes. What percentage of operations last longer than 155 minutes?

110 125 140 155 170 2.5%

34 34 13.5 2.34 0.15

19. The class average on a test was 85, with a standard deviation of 3.8. Find the probability that a student received at least a 76 on the test.

$\frac{76-85}{3.8} = -2.4$

z-score = -2.4 $P(X \leq 76) = .0082$ so $P(X \geq 76) = 0.9918$